

IMPORTERS' QUESTIONNAIRE
POLYETHYLENE TEREPHTHALATE (PET) RESIN FROM
INDIA, INDONESIA, TAIWAN, AND THAILAND

Return completed questionnaire to:

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION
Office of Investigations, Room 615
500 E Street, SW, Washington, DC 20436

So as to be received by the Commission by no later than APRIL 8, 2004

The information called for in this questionnaire is for use by the United States International Trade Commission in connection with its countervailing duty and antidumping investigations concerning polyethylene terephthalate (PET) resin from India, Indonesia, Taiwan, and Thailand (invs. Nos. 701-TA-439-440 and 731-TA-1077-1080 (Preliminary)). The information requested in the questionnaire is requested under the authority of the Tariff Act of 1930, title VII. This report is mandatory and failure to reply as directed can result in a subpoena or other order to compel the submission of records or information in your possession (19 U.S.C. § 1333(a)).

Name of firm _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip code _____

World Wide Web address _____

Has your firm imported **PET resin** (as defined in the instruction booklet) from any country at any time since January 1, 2001?

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NO (Sign the certification below and promptly return only this page of the questionnaire to the Commission)

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YES (Read the instruction booklet carefully, complete all parts of the questionnaire, sign the certification, and return the entire questionnaire to the Commission)

CERTIFICATION

I certify that the information herein supplied in response to this questionnaire is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief and understand that the information submitted is subject to audit and verification by the Commission.

By signing this certification I also grant consent for the Commission, and its employees and contract personnel, to use the information provided in this questionnaire and throughout these investigations in any other import-injury investigations conducted by the Commission on the same or similar merchandise. (If you do not consent to such use, please note the certification accordingly.)

I acknowledge that information submitted in this questionnaire response and throughout these investigations may be used by the Commission, its employees, and contract personnel who are acting in the capacity of Commission employees, for developing or maintaining the records of these investigations or related proceedings for which this information is submitted, or in internal audits and investigations relating to the programs and operations of the Commission pursuant to 5 U.S.C. Appendix 3. I understand that all contract personnel will sign non-disclosure agreements.

Name and Title of Authorized Official

Date

Signature of Authorized Official

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Phone

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Fax

PART I. GENERAL QUESTIONS

The questions in this questionnaire have been reviewed with market participants to ensure that issues of concern are adequately addressed and that data requests are sufficient, meaningful, and as limited as possible. Public reporting burden for this questionnaire is estimated to average 20 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering the data needed, and completing and reviewing the questionnaire. Send comments regarding the accuracy of this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing the burden, to the Office of Investigations, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street, SW, Washington, DC 20436.

- I-1a. Please report below the actual number of hours required and the cost to your firm of preparing the reply to this questionnaire and completing the form.

_____ hours _____ dollars

- I-1b. We are interested in any comments you may have for improving this questionnaire in general or the clarity of specific questions. Please attach such comments to your response or send them to the above address.

- I-2. Provide the name and address of establishment(s) covered by this questionnaire (see page 3 of the instruction booklet for reporting guidelines). If your firm is publicly traded, please specify the stock exchange and trading symbol.

- I-3. Is your firm owned, in whole or in part, by any other firm?

☐ No

☐ Yes—List the following information.

<u>Firm name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Extent of ownership</u>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

- I-4. Does your firm have any related firms, either domestic or foreign, which are engaged in importing PET resin from India, Indonesia, Taiwan, and Thailand into the United States or which are engaged in exporting PET resin from India, Indonesia, Taiwan, and Thailand to the United States?

☐ No

☐ Yes—List the following information.

<u>Firm name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Affiliation</u>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

PART I. GENERAL QUESTIONS—Continued

- I-5. Does your firm have any related firms, either domestic or foreign, which are engaged in the production of PET resin?

☐ No ☐ Yes—List the following information.

Firm name

Address

Affiliation

- I-6. Please indicate the nature of your firm's importing operations on PET resin. More than one answer may be applicable.

☐ Importer of record ☐ Takes title to the imported product(s)
☐ Consignee of the imported product(s) ☐ Customs broker or freight forwarder

- I-7. If your firm is an importer of record of PET resin but is **not** the consignee, please list the consignees below (company name, address, telephone, and individual to contact).

- I-8. Please indicate whether your firm enters PET resin into, or withdraws such merchandise from, foreign trade zones or bonded warehouses.

Foreign trade zones ☐ No ☐ Yes

Bonded warehouses ☐ No ☐ Yes

- I-9. Please indicate whether your firm imports PET resin under the TIB (temporary importation under bond) program.

☐ No ☐ Yes

- I-10. To your knowledge, have the products subject to these investigations been the subject of any other import relief investigations in the United States or in any other countries?

☐ No ☐ Yes—Please specify. _____

PART II.—TRADE AND RELATED INFORMATION

Further information on this part of the questionnaire can be obtained from Jim McClure (202-205-3191).
Supply all data requested on a calendar-year basis.

II-1. Who should be contacted regarding the requested trade and related information?

Company contact: _____
Name and title

Phone No. _____ E-mail address _____

II-2. Has your firm experienced any plant openings, relocations, expansions, acquisitions, consolidations, closures, or prolonged shutdowns because of strikes or equipment failure, or any other change in the character of your operations or organization relating to the importation of PET resin since January 1, 2001?

☐ No ☐ Yes—Supply details as to the time, nature, and significance of such changes.

II-3. Has your firm imported or arranged for the importation of PET resin from India, Indonesia, Taiwan, and Thailand for delivery after December 31, 2003?

☐ No ☐ Yes—Indicate when such orders are to be delivered and the quantities involved.

II-4. If your firm also produces PET resin in the United States, please indicate your reasons for importing this product. If your reasons differ by source, please elaborate.

PART II.—TRADE AND RELATED INFORMATION—Continued

II-5. **IMPORTS BY SOURCE.**—Report your firm's imports and your firm's shipments and inventories of **PET resin** imported by your firm during the specified periods. (See definitions in the instruction booklet.) **Report separately for each country listed on page 1 of the questionnaire and for all other sources (each reported separately).** Photocopy as many pages as you need and identify the country for which you are reporting in the space provided.

☐ India ☐ Indonesia ☐ Taiwan ☐ Thailand ☐ Other sources (each reported separately) _____

(Quantity in 1,000 pounds, value in \$1,000)			
Item	Calendar years		
	2001	2002	2003
BEGINNING-OF-PERIOD INVENTORIES (quantity)			
IMPORTS:¹			
Quantity of imports			
Value of imports			
U.S. SHIPMENTS:			
Commercial shipments:			
Quantity of commercial shipments			
Value of commercial shipments			
Internal consumption/company transfers:			
Quantity of internal consumption/transfers			
Value ² of internal consumption/transfers			
EXPORT SHIPMENTS:³			
Quantity of export shipments			
Value of export shipments			
END-OF-PERIOD INVENTORIES⁴ (quantity)			
U.S. SHIPMENTS TO DISTRIBUTORS (quantity)			
U.S. SHIPMENTS TO END USERS (quantity)			
¹ Identify the foreign producers, if known: _____ ² Sales to related firms (including internal consumption) must be valued at fair market value. In the event that you use a different basis for valuing these sales within your company, please specify that basis (e.g., cost, cost plus, etc.) and provide value data using that basis for 2001, 2002, and 2003 below: _____ ³ Identify your principal export markets: _____ ⁴ Reconciliation of data. —Note that the quantities reported above should reconcile as follows: beginning-of-period inventories, plus imports, less total shipments, equals end-of-period inventories. Do the data reported reconcile? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No—Please explain: _____			

PART III.-PRICING AND RELATED INFORMATION

Further information on this part of the questionnaire can be obtained from **Clark Workman (202-205-3248)**.

III-1. Who should be contacted regarding the requested pricing and related information?

Company contact: _____
Name and title

Phone No. E-mail address

Section III-A.-PRICE DATA

This section requests quarterly price and quantity data, f.o.b. your U.S. point of shipment, concerning your firm's U.S. commercial shipments to unrelated U.S. customers of the following products imported from India, Indonesia, Taiwan or Thailand during 2001-2003:

Product 1.--PET resin, being either a clear homo- or co-polymer, and having an intrinsic viscosity of 0.72 IV to 0.84 IV, in the solid stated form. This PET resin product is typically used in water bottle applications.

Product 2.--PET resin, being either a clear homo- or co-polymer, and having an intrinsic viscosity of 0.78 IV to 0.86 IV, in the solid stated form. This PET resin product is typically used in carbonated soft drink ("CSD") applications.

Product 3.--PET resin, being either a clear homo- or co-polymer, and having an intrinsic viscosity of 0.75 IV to 0.88 IV, in the solid stated form. This PET resin product is typically used in heat set or hot fill applications.

Product 4.--PET resin, being either a clear homo- or co-polymer, and having an intrinsic viscosity of 0.75 IV to 0.84 IV, in the solid stated form. This PET resin product is a general purpose resin that can be used in custom, food, household product, sheet, liquor, water bottle, CSD, and heat set or hot fill applications.

Please note that total dollar values should be f.o.b., U.S. point of shipment and should not include U.S.-inland transportation costs. Total dollar values should reflect the **FINAL NET** amount paid to you (i.e., should be net of all deductions for discounts or rebates). See instruction booklet.

PART III.—PRICING AND RELATED INFORMATION—Continued**Section III-A.—PRICE DATA—Continued**

COPY THIS PAGE AS NECESSARY. Complete a separate page for each of the specified products¹ imported from India, Indonesia, Taiwan, or Thailand and sold by your firm. Also complete a separate page for each subject country you import from.

Product 1 ☐ Product 2 ☐ Product 3 ☐ Product 4 ☐
 India ☐ Indonesia ☐ Taiwan ☐ Thailand ☐

(Quantity in pounds, value in dollars)		
Period of shipment	Quantity	Value ²
2001:		
January-March		
April-June		
July-September		
October-December		
2001:		
January-March		
April-June		
July-September		
October-December		
2003:		
January-March		
April-June		
July-September		
October-December		
¹ If your product does not exactly meet the product specifications but is competitive with the specified product, provide a description of your product: 		
² Net values (i.e., gross sales values less all discounts, allowances, rebates, prepaid freight, and the value of returned goods), f.o.b. your U.S. point of shipment. For each pricing item that you sold, attach a list of all discounts that you provided including volume or promotional discounts, post-delivery price reductions or any other reductions from your initial price offer.		

PART III.--PRICING AND RELATED INFORMATION--Continued**Section III-B.--PRICE-RELATED QUESTIONS**

Note: For section III-B please indicate if your answer differs by subject county.

- III-B-1. Please describe how your firm determines the prices that it charges for sales of PET resin (transaction by transaction negotiation, contracts for multiple shipments, set price lists, etc.). If your firm issues price lists, please include a copy of a recent price list with your submission. If your price list is large, please submit sample pages.

- III-B-2. Please describe your firm's discount policy (quantity discounts, annual total volume discounts, etc.).

- III-B-3. What are your firm's typical sales terms for PET resin imported from India, Indonesia, Taiwan, and/or Thailand (e.g., 2/10 net 30 days)? _____ On what basis are your prices of such product usually quoted (e.g., f.o.b. port of entry, or delivered)? _____

- III-B-4. Approximately what share of your firm's sales of its PET resin imported from India, Indonesia, Taiwan, and/or Thailand in 2003 were on a (1) long-term contract basis (multiple deliveries for more than 12 months), (2) short-term contract basis (multiple deliveries up to 12 months), and (3) spot sales basis (for a single delivery)?

Type of sale	Share of sales (percent)
Long-term contracts	
Short-term contracts	
Spot sales	

- III-B-5. If you sell on a long-term contract basis, please answer the following questions with respect to provisions of a typical long-term contract.

(a) What is the average duration of a contract? _____

(b) Can prices be renegotiated during the contract period? _____

(c) Does the contract fix quantity, price, or both? _____

(d) Does the contract have a meet or release provision? _____

PART III.--PRICING AND RELATED INFORMATION--Continued**Section III-B.--PRICE-RELATED QUESTIONS**

III-B-6. If you sell on a short-term contract basis, please answer the following questions with respect to provisions of a typical short-term contract.

(a) What is the average duration of a contract? _____

(b) Can prices be renegotiated during the contract period? _____

(c) Does the contract fix quantity, price, or both? _____

(d) Does the contract have a meet or release provision? _____

III-B-7. What is the average lead time between a customer's order and the date of delivery for your firm's sales of PET resin?

Source	Share of 2003 sales	Lead time
From inventory		
Produced to order		
Total	100%	

III-B-8. (a) What is the approximate percentage of the total delivered cost of PET resin that is accounted for by U.S. inland transportation costs? _____ percent.

(b) Who generally arranges the transportation to your customers' locations? Your firm _____ or purchaser _____ (check one).

(c) What share of your sales occur within 100 miles of your storage or production facility? _____ percent. 101 to 1,000 miles? _____ percent. Over 1,000 miles? _____ percent.

III-B-9. What is the geographic market area in the United States served by your firm's PET resin?

☐ Northeast ☐ Mid-Atlantic ☐ Midwest ☐ Southeast
☐ Southwest ☐ Rocky Mountains ☐ West Coast ☐ Northwest
☐ National ☐ Other (describe) _____

III-B-10. Describe the end uses of the PET resin that you import from India, Indonesia, Taiwan, and/or Thailand. For each end-use product, what percentage of the total cost is accounted for by PET resin?

<u>End use</u>	<u>Share of total cost accounted for by PET resin (percent)</u>
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

PART III.--PRICING AND RELATED INFORMATION--Continued

Section III-B.--PRICE-RELATED QUESTIONS--Continued

III-B-11. (a) Please list in order of importance any products that may be substituted for PET resin.

(1) _____ (2) _____ (3) _____

(b) For each possible substitute product, please give examples of applications and end uses for which they are substitutes.

(c) Have changes in the prices of these products affected the price for PET resin?

☐ No

☐ Yes--To what degree do changes in their prices affect the price for PET resin? Does this effect have a time lag? If so, how long is the time lag for each substitute product? Does this vary by type of product or final end use?

III-B-12. How has the demand within the United States (and outside the United States if known) for PET resin changed since January 1, 2001? What principal factors affect changes in demand?

☐ Increased

☐ Unchanged

☐ Decreased

III-B-13. Have there been any significant changes in the product range or marketing of PET resin since January 1, 2001?

☐ No

☐ Yes--Please describe.

III-B-14. Does your firm sell PET resin over the internet?

☐ No

☐ Yes--Please describe, noting the estimated percentage of your firm's total sales of PET resin in 2003 accounted for by internet sales.

PART III.--PRICING AND RELATED INFORMATION--Continued**Section III-B.--PRICE-RELATED QUESTIONS--Continued**

III-B-15. Is PET resin produced in the United States and in other countries interchangeable (i.e., can they physically be used in the same applications)? Please indicate below, using "A" to indicate that the products from a specified country-pair are *always* interchangeable, "F" to indicate that the products are *frequently* interchangeable, "S" to indicate that the products are *sometimes* interchangeable, "N" to indicate that the products are *never* interchangeable, and "0" to indicate *no familiarity* with products from a specified country-pair.¹

Country-pair	United States	India	Indonesia	Taiwan	Thailand	Other countries
United States						
India						
Indonesia						
Taiwan						
Thailand						
Other countries						

¹ For any country-pair producing PET resin which is *sometimes or never* interchangeable, please explain the factors that limit or preclude interchangeable use:

Section III-B.--PRICE-RELATED QUESTIONS--Continued

III-B-16. Are differences other than price (i.e., quality, availability, transportation network, product range, technical support, etc.) between PET resin produced in the United States and in other countries a significant factor in your firm's sales of the products? Please indicate below, using "A" to indicate that such differences are *always* significant, "F" to indicate that such differences are *frequently* significant, "S" to indicate that such differences are *sometimes* significant, "N" to indicate that such differences are *never* significant, and "0" to indicate *no familiarity* with products from a specified country-pair.¹

Country-pair	United States					Other countries
United States						
India						
Indonesia						
Taiwan						
Thailand						
Other countries						

¹ For any country-pair for which factors other than price *always or frequently* are a significant factor in your firm's sales of PET resin, identify the country-pair and report the advantages or disadvantages imparted by such factors:

PART III.--PRICING AND RELATED INFORMATION--Continued

Section III-B.--PRICE-RELATED QUESTIONS--Continued

III-B-17. What percentage of your U.S. shipments were sold pursuant to a pricing formula related to raw materials? _____ percent. Briefly describe the formula and how various inputs were determined.

PART III. PRICING AND RELATED INFORMATION—Continued**Section III-C. CUSTOMER IDENTIFICATION**

Please provide the names and addresses of your firm's 10 largest customers for PET resin imported from India, Indonesia, Taiwan, and/or Thailand during 2001-2003. Please also provide the name and telephone number of a contact person and the share of the quantity of your firm's total imports of PET resin from India, Indonesia, Taiwan, and/or Thailand that each of these customers accounted for in 2003.

No.	Customer's name	Street address (not P.O. box), state, and zip code	Contact person	Area code and telephone number	Share of 2003 sales (%)
1					
2					
3					
4					
5					
6					
7					
8					
9					
10					